

want to specifically recognize the magazine for reaching its 30-year anniversary and for its continued literary excellence.

Since the magazine's birth at the Anchorage campus of the University of Alaska in 1982, the Alaska Quarterly Review has served as an instrument to give voice to Alaska writers and poets as well as also publishing excellent material from non-Alaskan authors. In other words, while it is firmly rooted in Alaska, it has maintained a national perspective, bridging the distance between the literary centers across the country and Alaska. This balanced presentation of views over the years has earned the Review local, regional, national, and even international recognition.

The founding editor of the Review, Mr. Ronald Spatz, envisioned the Review as a way to break through stereotypes and present Alaska to the greater literary community as a partner. With the Review under his direction for three decades, he has also continued his focus on publishing new and emerging writers. After 30 years of hard work at the Review, each issue still contains the same labor of love and excitement from edition to edition.

Advances in technology have turned publishing on its head, but the Review has remained both a faithful forum for conventional work and an outlet for work that challenges accepted forms and modes of expression. It has established itself as distinctly Alaskan because it is strongly influenced by the place, the people, and the cultural traditions, without ever being restricted by its geographical location. The magazine's body of work is eclectic.

Through its stories, oral histories, folk tales, and poems, the literary magazine seeks to portray Alaska's rich and diverse Native cultures. It pays tribute to the Native language speakers and tradition bearers that keep their cultures alive through their stories and through their words. Over the years Alaskans have learned that one of the best ways to protect the social fabric of Native Alaskans is to protect their culture, thus maintaining their pride in their history and their heritage. In this vein, Ronald Spatz has published stories in Eyak, Haida, Tlingit, Tsimshian, Alutiq, Central Yup'ik, St. Lawrence Island Yup'ik, Inupiaq, and Dena'ina. The Review has done much to preserve the culture and history of Alaska and her people.

To help commemorate these achievements and reaching the 30-year benchmark, the Review is producing an ambitious photojournalism collection in their spring/summer issue. The collection, called "Liberty and Justice (For All): A Global Photo Mosaic," pays tribute to photojournalists Tim Hetherington and Chris Hondros, who died in Libya in 2011. The biannual publication will also feature a special section in the fall/winter edition in the form of 60 poems by 60 different poets.

Alaska, and America, is far richer because of the Alaska Quarterly Review.

I commend it and its contributors for its many achievements, as well as the University of Alaska board of regents and the leadership of the University of Alaska Anchorage for its support of the publication. It has taken a tremendous commitment to academic and artistic excellence to continue publication these 30 years. Again, congratulations to the Alaska Quarterly Review for reaching 30 years of continued literary excellence.●

#### RECOGNIZING THE CITIZENS' HOSE COMPANY NO. 1

● Mr. CARPER. Mr. President on behalf of Senator CHRIS COONS, Congressman JOHN CARNEY, and myself, I wish to offer my congratulations to fire chief Isaac Willis, president S. Christopher Hudson, and the entire Citizens' Hose Company No. 1 as they celebrate the Company's 125th anniversary of service to the town of Smyrna in Delaware. The success of the Citizens' Hose Company is a tribute to the many dedicated men and women who not only have served in this company but have served this community in a number of ways.

In 1885, the town of Smyrna installed water mains and fire hydrants throughout the town in preparation of the founding of the Citizens' Hose Company. Since that time the members of this company have protected the property and residents throughout this historic community. The company has reached many milestones throughout the last 125 years—initially fighting fires with a man-drawn hose tender and ladder cart to now answering fire calls using a 100-foot KME Kovatch ladder truck which, in 1999, was the first ladder truck the company purchased new. Additional milestones included the formation of the Ladies Auxiliary in 1950, as well as the expansion of the station in 1985 to accommodate office space and future growth. With over 440 members today, the Citizens' Hose Company No. 1 maintains the highest level of excellence. Over the last several years, the Citizens' Hose Company has answered an average of 475 calls per year and are on pace to keep that record in 2012.

The Citizens' Hose Company serves as a great neighbor to all in the Smyrna area. The company participates in numerous community activities throughout the year and has a renowned company band. Since 1947, the Citizens' Hose Company Band has provided music for the marching unit of the company during parades and other community gatherings. An annual participant in the Delaware Volunteer Firefighter's Association Parade, the Citizens' Hose Company has won the prestigious Governor's Cup Award a record 31 times. The company band has had the honor of playing music throughout Delaware as well as in Dublin, Ireland, New York City, and even represented the First State at the inaugural parades of both President Bill

Clinton and President Barack Obama in Washington, DC.

Delaware's firefighters are dedicated and caring professionals who willingly put themselves at risk—day and night, in all kinds of weather. As their congressional delegation, we are all sincerely grateful for the continued service of the men and women of Citizens' Hose Company. The hard work and commitment of these devoted volunteers is an inspiration to us all. Moreover, the Citizens' Hose Company No. 1 has crafted a tradition of superior and selfless service.

Today, we send our warmest congratulations to the members, volunteers and families of Citizens' Hose Company No. 1 on this momentous anniversary, and we look forward to hearing of their continued success and exemplary service for another 125 years and beyond.●

#### RECOGNIZING 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF NUMBERSUSA

● Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I wish to recognize the 15th anniversary of NumbersUSA, a national grassroots organization that advocates for immigration policies that seek to serve the national interest.

NumbersUSA was formed in 1997 by Roy Beck, a former journalist who has been recognized by the Houston Chronicle as "one of the five leading thinkers in the national immigration debate." Under his leadership, NumbersUSA has grown from a mostly Internet-based organization of about 2,000 grassroots members to nearly 1.3 million activists, giving a voice to American citizens on the important issue of immigration and securing our border.

Those who were in Congress during the 2006 and 2007 debates on comprehensive immigration reform will confirm just how effective NumbersUSA is. NumbersUSA was an active leader in an outgunned coalition that stood up to virtually all the elites in Washington. The big lobbies pulled out all the stops, spent millions of dollars, and bore down hard in their push for mass amnesty. But Goliath fell to the grassroots David, whose faxes, e-mails, rallies, visits to our offices, and phone calls registered the clear message that the American people would not accept Washington rewarding lawbreaking. The overwhelming grassroots response actuated by the NumbersUSA coalition was most evident when citizens called Capitol Hill in such volume that it shut down the Senate's telephone system.

NumbersUSA approaches the important and sensitive issue of immigration by emphasizing the number of immigrants that are lawfully admitted to the United States. Their approach is captured in a statement prominently placed on their website: "To talk about changing immigration numbers is to say nothing against the individual immigrants in this country. Rather, it is about deciding how many foreign citizens living in their own countries right